

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of preventing blockages of flow paths of a separator, the separator processing a fat-containing product such as milk. The method steps include determining a concentration of the fat content of an outflowing product phase from the separator to detect an imminent clogging, and shifting a separation zone in a separator drum of the separator for a defined minimum time period by changing operating parameters.